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Diversity of media ownership is vitally important for the functioning of a democracy. Broadcast TV continues to be the major source of information for the great majority of US citizens. The ownership of TV networks by immense corporations engaged in activity other than entertainment or journalism has affected what the networks offer to the public. For example, one does not hear information unfavorable to General Electric on the stations owned by that corporation.

It is critically important that, within one media area, such as a metropolitan area, the media serving that area not be controlled by one owner, or dominated by a group of media owned by one person or company.

In short I oppose loosening the rule designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not just the opinions of a few media conglomerates.

Sincerely,  
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